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SUBJECT: KIEV PROPERTIES

1. SUMMARY: DURING WEEK OCTOBER 11, ADVANCE PARTY INSPECTED FLORENTSIYA, GORKIY AND STRELETSKAYA SITES AND MEET WITH UPKK REPRESENTATIVES. GORKIY PLANS AND LETTER REQUEST TO RESTOR CELINGS WERE TURNED OVER TO SOVIETS. FLORENTSIYA FINISHING DISCUSSIONS WERE WITHOUT RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE FLORENTSIYA WORK WINDING DOWN AND GORKIY GUTTING MOVING FORWARD. UPKK ESTIMATES FOR DATES ON TECHNICAL TALKS ON STRELETSAYA PROEJCT HAVE SLIPPED TO EARLY NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. INSPECTION OF FLORENTSIYA SITE SHOWED PAINTING WORK CONTINUING WITH ONE OF THREE COATS COMPLETED ALMOST THROUGHOUT.

3. DISCUSSION WITH RUDENKO ON FINISHING WORK WERE INCONCLUSIVE WITH RUDENKO CONVEYING LAVRUKIN'S POSTION THAT WHILE US SUPPLIED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT COULD BE INSTALLED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE BY SOVIET WORKERS. RUDENKO INDICATED THAT NO COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE ON THIS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY INTENDS TO PROTEST KIEV AUTHORITIES POSITION TO MFA, CHARACTERIZING IT AS GROUNDLESS AND UNREASONABLE DELAYING OF US USE OF APRTMENTS.

5. STRELETSKAYA: RUDENKO ASSURED THAT SOVIET PLANNING ORGANIZATION WAS ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION OF STRELETSKAYA PLANS/SPECIFICATIONS. HE NOW ESTIMATES THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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READY FOR TECHNICAL TALKS ONLY BY EARLY NOVEMBER (INFORM KNOOP).

6. AT GORKIY, GUTTING OPERATIONS HAVE SPEEDED UP PERCEPTIBLY. DURING VIEWING FOR FS INSPECTORS OCT 12, LARGER NUMBER OF WORKERS SEEN WORKING AT REAR OF THIRD FLOOR. MAIN ROOF STILL NOT REMOVED. RUDENKO RECEIVED GORKIY PLANS OCT 15 AND WAS INFORMED SPECIFICATIONS IN RUSSIAN WOULD FOLLOW. HE ASKED FOR FIVE MORE COPIES OF PLANS. ADVANCE PARTY ALSO PASSED LETTER REQUESTING RESTORATION OF CEILINGS IN REPRESENTATION AREAS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED FORWARD ASAP FIVE COPIES GORKIY PLANS.

8. WITH ARRIVAL OF MILLS IN LATE OCTOBER, ADVANCE PARTY SEES NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE IN HOTEL MOSKVA. ADVANCE PARTY REQUESTS QPPROVAL TO RENT ROOM 402 AT 20 RULBES PER DAY (SINGLE ROOM) UNTIL APRIL 7, 1977, WHICH IS DATE PRESENT LEASE EXPIRES FOR ROOM 401. TOTAL COST 4,185 DOLLARS.
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